



AP[®] Art History 2002 Sample Student Responses

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4. The slides show a mosque and its plan.

In what ways does this mosque accommodate the religious requirements of Islam? (5 minutes)

This mosque echoes the plan of ~~his~~ Mohammed's house, has a minaret for the muezzins to make their calls to prayer, and has a minbar for the leader to preach from. ~~The~~ Mohammed was the prophet of Islam. He received lessons from God to spread all over the world. The first services were held in his home, so ~~the~~ all of the mosques there after were modelled after his home. The minarets help followers satisfy their prayer obligations. Five times a day, a muezzin climbs to the top of the tower to call for the mandatory prayer. Each member of the congregation is responsible for the religious education of the other. Community leaders take turns preaching at the ~~the~~ minbar. ~~From~~ At the mihrab, the congregation faces east to pray, another requirement of Islam.

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In what ways does this mosque accommodate the religious requirements of Islam? (5 minutes)

One requirement of Islam is that you must pray facing Mecca. The plan and orientation of the building makes it easy to tell which way to face. A highly decorated wall lets one know that if they face that wall then they are facing Mecca & also so does a chain hanging from the ceiling. The Arches and openness of the building allow many people to pray at once and all can face Mecca.